about one kilogram to two kilograms per plant per year, while in Israel, the yield is about eight to ten kilograms per plant per year. So, we have had talks with the Government of Israel at an informal level. And we are trying to set up a demonstration farm in Rajasthan so that we can take technological support and better genetic material from Israel to produce better quality of Jojoba plant in our country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Som Pal.

SHRI SOM PAL : Madam...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: There is one institution which has the exclusive rights for distribution of Jojoba seeds in our country for cultivation. We can ....

SHRI SOM PAL : Madam Deputy Chairman.... (*Interruptions*)

COL. RAM SINGH : At present, we are getting some seeds from Israel, California and some other places. Private entrepreneurs are importing these seeds at a very high cost, and in India too the cost of this Jojoba seed is about Rs. 1,000 per kilogram.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Som Palji. I think we need a little lubricant to run this House in order.

SHRI SOM PAL : I am sorry I have been interrupted by Madam Renuka Chowdhury. I would like to know from the Minister whether he has formulated any plan for utilisation of wasteland for afforestation. Madam, the Minister is not listening to my question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over. Now, papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY CIRCUIT FOR RURAL NON-CONVENTIONAL SECTOR

*302. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources have received a proposal from an entrepreneur of scientific temper regarding development of New Energy Circuit for rural non-conventional sector resulting in large scale rural electrification and the development of new Energy System of global significance and also an employment multiplier;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the proposal and whether it is going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has received a letter claiming for development of rural energy system based on animal and wind energy.

(c) The idea has been discussed with the proposer in detail and a detailed proposal on this has been requested. The proposer has also been advised to discuss his idea with the expert scientist in the area of animal energy for preparing a detailed proposal. The acceptance and implementation of the idea will depend on the techno-economic feasibility of the proposal.

HANDING OVER OF CUDDAPAH AIRPORT TO FCI

*306. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :